

Appl No. 10/669,385  
Reply to Office Action of June 19, 2006  
Amendment Dated: September 15, 2006

**REMARKS:**

The Office Action dated June 19, 2006 has been received and carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the remarks below.

Please note that a Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address (SB/82) with supporting Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (SB/96) were previously filed, appointing practitioners with the firm of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy PC (Customer Number 24030) to prosecute this application.

This application was originally filed with Claims 1-34, Claims 1, 11, 19, and 27 being in independent form. Independent Claim 35 was added by a Preliminary Amendment. Claims 19, 27, and 35 were canceled in a previous amendment. Prior to the current amendment, Claims 1-18, 22-26, and 28-34 were pending, with Claims 1, 11, 22, and 30 in independent form.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 20-26 and 28-34 are allowed and that Claims 8, 9, and 14-18 would be considered allowable if rewritten to avoid dependence from rejected claims.


Claims 8 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form and include all their original elements, the elements of their respective parent claims, and any intervening claims. Claims 2-7 and 10 have been amended, where necessary, to depend from Claim 8 along with Claim 9. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to depend from Claim 14, along with Claims 15-18. Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2-10 and 12-18 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Claims 2-10 and 12-18 are presented for reconsideration. Applicants contend that said claims call for hardened voyage data recorders which are not anticipated by or obvious from any of the references of record, either singly or in combination. Therefore, the allowance of Claims 2-10 and 12-18, along with Claims 20-26 and 28-34, is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below in the event it is felt the prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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